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**COMMENTS:**

Sir,

A Reply to Examiner's Answer was faxed to the Board of Appeals earlier today at fax number 571-273-0053. However, no auto-reply fax confirming receipt of this paper was returned to the undersigned. In order to obtain an auto-reply receipt from the PTO, enclosed is a copy of the paper faxed to the Board of Appeals. My apologies for the duplicate submittal. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SUSAN CIABURRO ET AL. : Date: October 10, 2007  
Serial No.: 09/912,167 :  
Filed: July 23, 2001 : Group Art Unit: 2618  
For: METHODS FOR TESTING MULTIBEAM :  
SATELLITE SYSTEMS USING INPUT POWER : Examiner: John J. Lee  
TELEMETRY AND OUTPUT NOISE POWER :

## REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir,

This paper is in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed September 24, 2007.

Appellants' are at a loss to understand the paperwork transmitted by the USPTO in the present appeal, and this paper is submitted in an attempt to move the appeal forward. The following is a summary of papers relating to this appeal.

A final rejection was mailed on 11/3/2004.

A response to the final rejection was mailed to the PTO 11/24/2004.

An advisory action was mailed on 12/27/2004.

A notice of appeal was mailed to the PTO on 1/31/2005.

An appeal brief was mailed to the PTO on 3/15/2005.

An amended appeal brief (in response to a notice of non-compliance) was mailed to the PTO on 7/14/2005

A second amended appeal brief (in response to a notice of non-compliance) was mailed to the PTO on 7/25/2006

A third amended appeal brief (in response to a notice of non-compliance) was mailed to the PTO on 8/15/2006.

An Examiner's answer was mailed 12/18/2005.

A reply brief was mailed to the PTO on 1/25/2007.

A duplicate copy of the Examiner's answer dated 12/18/2005 was mailed 4/19/2007.

Another duplicate copy of the Examiner's answer dated 12/18/2005 was mailed 8/10/2007.

Yet another duplicate copy of the Examiner's answer dated 12/18/2005 was mailed 9/24/2007.

Therefore, three copies of the Examiner's answer that are substantially identical to the initial answer have been mailed to Appellants on 4/19/2007, 8/10/2007 and 9/24/2007. These additional copies of the original answer do not appear to raise any new issues for consideration by Appellants or the Board, and it is thus not understood why these additional copies of the Examiner's answer have been mailed to Appellants.

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It is respectfully requested that the appeal be moved along or at least that some explanation be provided as to why three copies of the Examiner's answer have been mailed to Appellants that do not appear to raise any new issues.

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